

REMARKS

Claims 270-292 and 294-295 are pending in the present application. Claims 270-272, 274, 284, 286, 289, and 294-295 were amended. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

The examiner has rejected claim 295 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed towards non-statutory subject matter stating that the claim is directed to a computer program product that is not executed by a computer. This claim has been amended to describe the product being executed by a computer. This rejection is believed to be overcome and should be withdrawn.

The examiner has rejected claims 270-274, 284-286, 289, and 294 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, which applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended these claims to correct to deficiencies that were noted by the examiner. Therefore, this rejection is believed to be overcome and should be withdrawn.


The examiner cited no prior art against any of the pending claims. Therefore, Applicants believe the claims would be allowable if the rejections noted above are overcome. Because Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejections, Applicants believe all pending claims are now in an allowable form.

The examiner stated that claims 275 and 287-288 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. These claims have not been rewritten because the respective independent claims were not rejected as being either anticipated or unpatentable over any prior art.

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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